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Large crowd attends pool meeting

**Crowd voices unanimous
support of aquatic centre**

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town officials held the first of two public meetings concerning the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre on the evening of Tuesday, April 16.

About 200 people showed up to hear about the costs of the pool and voice their opinions to council regarding what they think should be done with the pool, according to Mayor Brian Wittal.

"I think it was a good meeting," said Wittal. "It informed people and got people engaged, and we definitely got some very positive feedback."

"Anybody that I talked with afterwards seemed to be happy for how the meeting turned out."

The meeting was a good step towards council making a decision on whether it should support the pool going forward, he said, adding that everybody who voiced their opinion said the town should keep the pool, despite the costs.

"I didn't have anybody outright state that we should even explore looking at other options for the building...it was pretty much unanimous that we look at the plan to go forward with doing the repairs on the building," he said.

At the meeting, Wittal explained that council was holding the meeting because of discussions last fall during preliminary budget deliberations.

During those deliberations, council examined the engineer's report regarding what work needs to be done to keep the pool operating. Council asked whether or not residents would support the decision to keep putting money into the facility.

After explaining at the meeting what needs to be done, and the costs of that work - an estimated \$1.2 to \$1.3 million - council opened up the floor for public discussion.

Questions from residents included whether the town will be hit with another repair bill five years down the road, to which Wittal responded that the engineer's report is a comprehensive renovation. And, barring unforeseen circumstances, the renovations should keep the pool open for about another 20 years, he said.

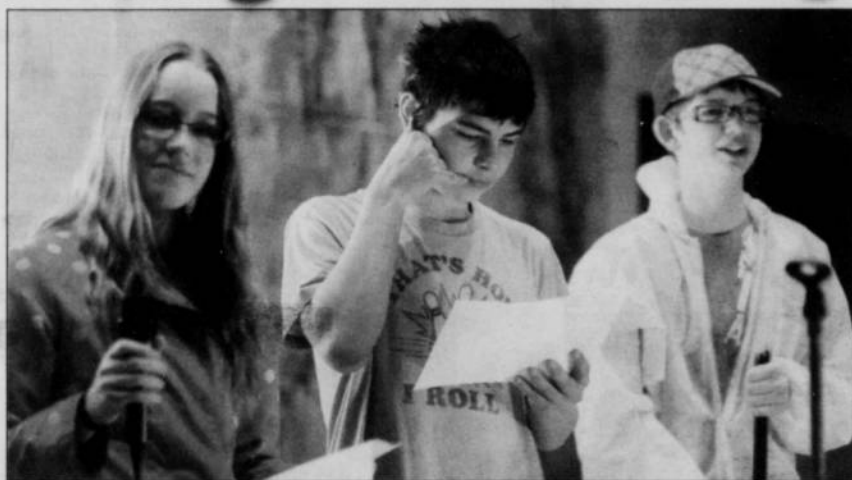
One resident commented that the pool is an economic mainstay for the town, and that while people are here to use the pool, they often visit the town shops and restaurants.

Others commented that the pool played a factor in their decision to move to Didsbury, and that it is still a selling point discussed with potential residents.

"There's a lot of social, economic, health and community things that tie in with that facility," said Wittal. "It's not just about the money, but we wanted to make sure (residents) knew what the money side of it was."

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Westglen Idol 2013



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Strip mall construction well underway

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Cayenne Holdings strip mall on 20 Street between AG Foods and the Mountain View Credit Union is steadily nearing completion.

Stewart Woollard, one of the owners of Cayenne Holdings, said he and his partners are happy with how the project is going.

"So far we've been really happy with it," said Woollard. "The

weather hasn't cooperated as much as we would have liked, but it's been going really good."

Despite the wet weather, he noted that construction has still been maintaining a good pace, and - depending on some variables, such as paving - is hoping for completion this July.

The tradespeople have cooperated in getting their work done, he said, adding that town officials have also been helpful and easy to work with.

"And we're at a stage now where we're just about getting buttoned up. The roof is on now - it's totally finished. And the window framing is going to be happening (this) week, so I'm hoping to have windows in by the end of next week, or at least a good start on it," he said.

After the windows are done, contractors will be installing rooftop HVAC units, which should be in after a week, he added.

"And once we can throw some heat in of course then we're off to the races with it."

As for potential tenants, he noted the situation is looking good so far.

"We've got some really

strong interest for about a quarter of it, which at this stage I'm pretty happy with," he said.

"Now that we've kind of got the building where people can see it and kind of envisage what they're going to be getting, we're going to start getting after it a little harder and getting some written commitments from people."

The company doesn't anticipate a problem getting tenants signed on closer to the completion date, he said.

"There's a bit of a pent-up demand for some good retail space there," he added.

The finished design is going to follow the traditional sandstone and

stucco, he said, including sandstone fronting, brick trim, stucco, and even some metalwork.

"The credit union next door, they've built a really nice-looking building, I think. So we wanted to kind of make something that goes along with that and that goes along with some of the old buildings downtown, because there's some beautiful buildings in Didsbury."

"So we're trying to echo some of those themes back into this building. Not necessarily making it look old, but just sort of picking up some of the ideas so that it fits in."

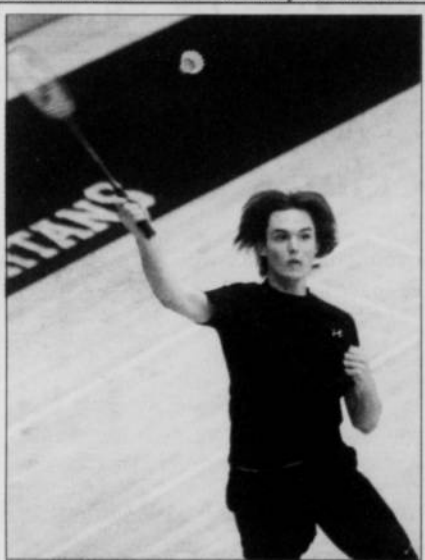
He noted the building will be about 12,000 square feet and will con-

sist of about 10 bays, though tenants can take two bays and turn them into a bigger shop.

There is also another piece of property between the credit union and the building currently under construction, and there are plans to expand there in the future, though nothing is set at this point, he said.

Woollard wanted to take the opportunity to thank the town and its officials for their cooperation.

"We took a while to get going on that project for various reasons, but it's going good now. The trades have treated us well, the town's treated us well - we're happy campers."



Noel West/MVP Staff

Didsbury High School Grade 12 student Dylan Wallace returns a shot during his game in a badminton tournament held at Olds High School on April 16.



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Construction is moving ahead full-force on the Cayenne Holdings Ltd. strip mall on 20 Street downtown. Officials are hoping for completion this July.

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Pool
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"And if they still then felt that all those other things outweigh the dollars, then we will continue to go forward with the strategy of fixing it and operating it."
The Didsbury pool recovers about 45 per cent of its costs through revenue, he noted, adding the average recovery across the province is 35 to 65 per cent, with the higher recovery rates generally occurring in the larger urban centres.
The next meeting will be held at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on April 30 at 4 p.m. for those who could not make it to the first meeting.
Wittal said council is collecting feedback from residents and will be compiling that feedback after the second meeting to help make the decision.

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Auction raises \$6,000 for Lions bus

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Lions Club held its annual garage sale at the curling rink last Saturday, raising about \$6,000, which will be put towards the purchase of a new community bus, according to officials.

George Pieper, a member at large for the club, said the live-auction sale went very well, with a total of 77 registered buyers and 165 items sold.

"There was not one single account receivable at the end - everything was paid for," Pieper noted.

"It went very well. We're about 20 per cent higher than last year. Everybody was quite happy with it."

The quality of merchandise is improving every year too, he added.

"We had - from one

end to the other - we had tools, we had furniture, and then there was stuff like artwork - painted pictures and some photography pictures, which were of course all framed, also some crystal glassware was in there."

There were DVDs, a radial arm saw, a barbecue, and some of the items were brand new and still in the original packaging, he added.

"We had some very good quality stuff coming in there. We're getting that as well as quite a bit of stuff that local merchants are donating to us," he said.

"I heard lots of people as they were checking out, they said they had run out of money, they didn't want to spend any more."

The live auction was conducted by John Wayne of Pilgrim Auction Services free of

charge, added Pieper.

The next event the Lions will hold is going to be the 13th annual soapbox derby on June 15 on Highway 582 in town, he said.

"The idea for that is to get families working together and dads helping their kids build soapbox cars and be cheering them on while they're racing," he said.

"I do like to see families getting together, you know, when pop has got some special lubricant he's struck on and he's oiling up the wheels on the car for that next run, that kind of thing."

For those interested in building a car, or for those who would like to order a kit, which are provided at cost, specifications and order forms are available on the club's website (www.didsburylions.ca), he said.

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John Wayne of Pilgrim Auction Services rapidly calls out bids while selling off one of many items at the Didsbury Lions' garage sale. The sale brought in about \$6,000, all of which will be put towards the purchase of a new community bus. George Pieper said the club still needs about \$25,000 to reach that goal.



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

OPEN HOUSE • Mayor Brian Wittal fields questions from residents after explaining the monetary costs of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre in the Multi-Purpose Room last Tuesday, April 16.

Ross Ford Elementary School will be holding their annual
"WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN" EVENT
 from 9:30a.m - 11:30 a.m Saturday May 11th.

Children who will be 5 on or before December 31st are invited to attend with an adult to take part in fun and interactive sessions focused on Kindergarten.

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Editorial

Court system must serve victims

Manned by dedicated prosecutors, defenders and other staff, Alberta's criminal court system deals with thousands and thousands of cases every year, from the smallest drug possession charges to high-profile murder cases.

It is one of Canada's finest court systems, rightly having a reputation for fairness and professionalism.

Yet as with all public institutions, the province's court system is not without its shortcomings. And when those shortcomings start to cause hardship and grief to victims of crimes, then it's high time to make changes.

As one of the only authorities that has the power to make changes to the court system, the provincial government should be encouraged to modify things where and when it is needed.

Wildrose Opposition justice critic Rob Anderson recently suggested a number of changes to the court system – suggestions that many Alberta families would probably be happy to see implemented.

In particular, Anderson is calling for the following reforms:

- Automatic triggering of an outside investigation, independent of Alberta Justice, when cases are stayed due to institutional or Crown delays, in order to determine the causes of such delays as well as solutions to ensure such delays do not happen again.

- Granting victims over 18 years of age the right to waive media bans on their names if they choose to speak publicly about their victimization.

- Annually publishing the number of Crown stay of proceedings and withdrawals.

And ensuring the government "allocates adequate resources to ensure the Crown prosecutor's office is able to effectively manage all prosecutions against violent offenders, especially those charged with sexual and other violent crimes against children."

Anderson's suggested changes come, in part, in response to a recent Airdrie court case that collapsed against a man accused of longtime sexual assault against a local girl.

"Due to court delays and a lack of resources for Crown prosecutors, the trial was thrown out, resulting in an eventual internal review by Alberta Justice," said Anderson.

Opposition parties make it their business to call on the government to change legislation, procedures and policies, and the government is right to counter that it is doing the right thing for constituents.

However, in the case of the criminal court system, if changes are needed to better protect victims, as MLA Anderson claims, then the government should put aside politics and act for the greater public good.

"I hope the government will do the right thing so we can close the gaps remaining in our justice system," said Anderson.

Many Alberta families are no doubt hoping for the same thing.



DAN SINGLETON

Opinion



Commentary

The Redford government is no longer being taken seriously

BY BARRY COOPER
Troy Media

A couple of weeks ago some bad news for the Alberta Progressive Conservatives was made public: they were low on cash. Worse, most of their money had come from the deep corporate pockets of the oilpatch.

Energy sector donors were equally generous with the Wildrose Party, but it also raised nearly \$1 million from individual donations. The PCs collected a little over \$150,000 that way.

The implication was that the PCs have lost touch with ordinary Albertans who maintain sufficient interest in politics to support a party with their own money.

Last week brought more bad news. An Angus Reid survey showed that Premier Alison Redford had a 29 per cent approval rating, down 18 points since December and 26 points since August. Her disapproval rating was a magnificent 66 per cent, and only 6 per cent were unsure if they disapproved or not.

Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk responded: "we cannot afford to be distracted by some polls." The premier said that having two-thirds of the population disapprove of the job you are doing was "par for the course." She was looking only to

the future, confident, happy, and proud of "a lot of tremendous policy successes." She added that she had great confidence that the Alberta electorate was composed of "critical thinkers." She may be right about that.

The two bits of bad news came together at the premier's fundraising dinner. The place was filled, of course, but many of the persons occupying seats were not movers and shakers. That is, the big guys bought the tables and sent the gophers to eat at them.

A lot of Tories are now wondering what went wrong. Where did the Alberta Advantage go? Part of the answer is that Redford has alienated just about everybody, including many members of her own party who, a short seven months from now, will decide whether she gets to keep her job.

The premier's response to her dismal approval numbers was to declare that she was "absolutely not" concerned about her support in the party. But she absolutely will not specify what her target is when the leadership review comes up. Here is a thought: Ralph quit when he received 55 per cent.

Sophisticated PC insiders have argued that before Redford gets the axe the party has to fix the electoral system to be used to choose a successor since the existing process produced two

disasters in a row. This will be the only significant agenda item next fall. Once that's done, it's goodbye Alison.

When Redford gets the chop it won't be because of her questionable policies or some notional bitumen bubble. Trust in her government has evaporated, and trust is a major part of any government's legitimacy.

A further indication that criticism of the PCs has moved beyond policy differences is that the Tories have become objects of satire and ridicule. No one makes fun of a government doing even an adequate job. Poets and writers from Aristophanes and Machiavelli to Lenny Bruce and Stephen Leacock have shown that ridicule is fatal because everyone gets the joke: the government is comically incompetent and they know their future is in peril. Governments unsure of their legitimacy react furiously to ridicule.

A recent example was an April 10 YouTube video parody, *Just some Party that I used to know*, based on the Gotye megahit of last summer. It was put together by Amanda Achtman (and yes, she is one of my students). It is very funny.

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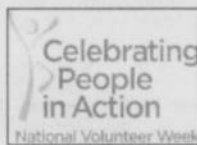
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National Volunteer Week

Tips for happy volunteers: shower them with ap

If you have ever worked at a non-profit, I'm sure you already know the value of volunteers. After all, none of our organizations could run without them!

Every non-profit organization has a volunteer board, and in Alberta, 58 per cent of non-profit organizations operate with no paid staff at all. But, just because we see volunteers doing indispensable work in our organizations doesn't mean that we always recognize how important it is to take care of our volunteers.

Think of your volunteers as unpaid staff. Now think of any jobs you have held where you

wouldn't have lasted long if you weren't being paid (I'm thinking of you, paper route.). So how can you ensure your volunteers are enjoying a positive experience that will keep them coming back for more?

1. First off, know why your volunteers do come out. This is different for each volunteer and some volunteers may have more than one motivation. Some common reasons volunteers get involved:

It's a way to make a difference about something you care about. It's an opportunity to give back, pay it forward, or help others. This might fulfil a moral obligation, or

give you warm, fuzzy feelings (satisfaction, fulfillment, happiness, pride, etc.).

It builds your resume and offers great work experience.

It can improve your language skills and help you get acquainted with a new culture. It can offer new knowledge and skills. It's a chance to try something new or different. It can include great perks like food, tickets, parties, and swag. Volunteering is fun (and not volunteering is boring)! It's a great way to meet new people and become part of a community.


Once you know why your volunteer is involved, you can help tai-

lor their experience to better meet their goals. For example, if they are there because they want to try something new, find out what they do at their job or in their free time, and choose something a little bit different for them to work on.

Regardless of their main reason for showing up, volunteers tend to stay in a position that offers them a chance to make friends and join a community. Make an effort to bring your volunteers together with meetings or volunteer recognition events. Ensure your volunteers work with, or near, others so they have a chance to chat with someone (other than


themselves). Make sure some kind of interper-
nection for those who work independently, and don't create your own connections with your volunteers. It will make your job more manageable as well.

2. Practise good communication with your volunteers. They feel informed and included. Any time a volunteer starts a task, give them some instruction and direction. Involve a walk-through of playing a situation, or ask to look over a handbook to ensure you include clear



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April 21- 27, 2013**

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There is a personal connection with more than 100 volunteers who work at the hospital. They are the ones who make the difference between a good day and a great day. They are the ones who make the difference between a good day and a great day.

your volunteers, and show them how these goals fit with the overall goals of your organization. Check in throughout each project and debrief at the end of a task. This means making time for one-on-one meetings, formal or informal, so that your volunteers have a chance to ask questions, share concerns, and provide feedback. Check out the Learning Resource Guides in Volunteer Alberta's Resource Centre (VARC) for more ideas and information on volunteer recruitment, retention, and recognition.

Sam Kriviak is a Volunteer Alberta program coordinator.

Volunteers celebrated at Didsbury hospital

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

When people visit the Didsbury hospital, it's often hard to miss the volunteers dressed in their red vests, sporting smiles and offering their assistance and company to patients and visitors alike.

The Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary has been around for decades, adding an extra-personal touch to health-care services, according to Dawna Faryna, volunteer coordinator for Didsbury, Airdrie and Strathmore. "I feel that it's one of the most important parts of our hospital because they're the people that provide the cherry on top of all the services that are provided here," said Faryna.

The auxiliary provides extra support in many capacities, she noted, purchasing furniture, comforting patients, and raising money for the hospital.

There are about 12 registered auxiliary members whose spouses also pitch in, she added.

Some of the ladies have been volunteering for decades and were recently recognized by Alberta Health Services (AHS) officials with gifts commemorating their time spent with the group, says Faryna.

Bessie Eckstrand has been with the auxiliary since it began - a total of 48 years of service. She used to come in with a group of people who would play music for the patients.

"I used to come into all these places and I didn't play

Waters. They run the pop and water machines, the tuck cart and recycled book cart, and hold a Valentine's tea in February, and make some of their money from those as well, she added. "We also bought a bingo machine for Unit 1 and buy toys for the little kids in the public health section."

Faryna explained the fundraising is for all the extra things not provided for in the AHS budget.

"So the auxiliary does fundraising to allow the residents here at the hospital and patients to have those extra things like the ice cream cart and the furnishings that they've decorated this room with. They also purchase furniture for the rooms as well," she said.

Eunice Gole nursed for 22 years in the old hospital and has served on the auxiliary for 30. She likes dealing with patients and people, because she knows many of the patients that are in the unit, she said.

"And I just kept volunteering ever since," said Gole.

She noted she enjoys the environment and is "Mrs. Visitor," according to Faryna.

Faryna added that because Didsbury is a small town, many of the volunteers know people in the hospital already.

"So it's really nice when you can come in here and share some experiences that you probably once had with these people. We actually had past auxiliary members that are in our facility here, so it's nice to be able to have that visit with them."

President Sharon Barefoot has worked in the health-care system for many years in various capacities and recently started volunteering with the auxiliary.

"I feel that it's important to volunteer," said Barefoot.

"My mom was also a patient on continuing care in another hospital and I realized then that they need volunteers to do feeding, et cetera. It's important to volunteer and I enjoy doing it."

Waters, who moved to town about 10 years ago, wanted to meet people in town so she joined the auxiliary. "And I was a teacher for 30 years in Calgary so I do the little kid tours and that sort of thing."

She also works in palliative care, comforting patients in their times of need, she said.

Faryna noted that the volunteers participate in flu and mammogram clinics, directing traffic, greeting patients, and ensuring paperwork is filled out properly. She added that the auxiliary always welcomes new volunteers and that the hospital also accepts many other volunteers who may be interested in different roles than the auxiliary fills. The hospital currently has about 183 registered volunteers, she said.

For those interested in volunteering with the auxiliary or the hospital in general, they can call Faryna's office directly at 403-335-7268.



Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary members Bessie Eckstrand, Shirley Thompson, and Eunice Gole were recently recognized by Alberta Health Services for their long years of service to the group and the hospital

very hot, but every once in a while I played piano," said Eckstrand. "I enjoy coming and seeing all the people, and doing what we can for them," she added.

Eckstrand was one of the founders of the auxiliary, noted Faryna. She helps with creating centrepieces, sets tables for the tea events hosted by the auxiliary, and is responsible for scrapbooking for the group, among other things.

Shirley Thompson has been with the auxiliary for 33 years and says she does it because she enjoys it.

"I started here when our women's institutes were still operating," says Thompson. "We used to bring our kitchen band in and entertain."

She decided to stick around when the band disbanded, because she likes people and enjoys interacting with the seniors, she noted.

"So I worked in the gift shop when we had it out by the main doors for years, and I played piano."

Thompson also used to help run the tuck cart, a cart with all kinds of candy and sweets for patients and their families.

The auxiliary helped fundraise for recent lounge renovations in the hospital, and treasurer Joyce Waters said they raised much of the money through casinos, which usually run every three years.

The Rosebud Health Foundation renovated the lounges in Unit 2, she noted, whereas the auxiliary did the lounges in Unit 1. "And we buy a lot of things, like the flowers for the garden with our other earnings from teas and pop machines and so forth," said



(From left to right) Shirley Thompson, Eunice Gole, Bessie Eckstrand, Sharon Barefoot and Joyce Waters sit in one of the two lounges that the Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary renovated with raised funds.

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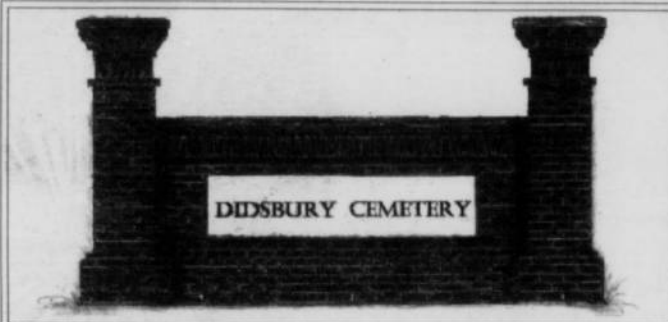
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Thank You

The Officers and Members of St. Hilda Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Star want to express their appreciation to all those individuals who purchased tickets and donated door prizes in support for the Military Whist Drive held on April 6th. All funds raised at this function will be donated to the Didsbury High School Scholarship Fund. We are pleased to recognize the following businesses for their generous donations: AG Foods, Dollar Store, Revive Salon, Canadian Pizza, Mugs, Value Drug Mart, Pharmasave, White Raven Emporium, Home Hardware, River Rock Meat Processing, Victoria Flowers and The Green Bamboo Restaurant.

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COWAN, Muriel Alice
1918 - 2013

Muriel Alice Cowan passed away at Didsbury District Health Services, Unit 4 on April 11, 2013 at the age of 94 years. She is lovingly remembered and will be sadly missed by her eldest daughter, Colleen Weberg (Bruce), of Red Deer and her daughter, Vana Cowan, of Didsbury. Muriel is also survived by four grandchildren, Kevin McLaughlin of Calgary, Teresa Eschner (Jeff) of Surrey, B.C., Cory Cowan-Morrison (Jamie) of Olds, Darcy Cowan-Morrison (Tanya) of Spruce Grove; one great granddaughter, Raeanne Cowan-Morrison of Didsbury, daughter of Cory; one dear sister-in-law, Marie Ludlow of Grandora, SK, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Muriel was predeceased by her devoted husband, William (Bill), in 2004; her son, Calvin, in 1982 and her son, William, in 1946. She was also predeceased by her three sisters, Evelyn, Kay and Grace, and her brother Sam. Muriel will also be missed by the many friends she made along life's way. A Memorial Service for Muriel will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Knox United Church, Didsbury AB. Donations may be made to The Recreation Therapy Department at the Nursing Home, Bag 130, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0, Rosebud Health Foundation, Box 962, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 or to a charity of one's choice. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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Ruth Jepson

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April 25 and May 2

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April 26

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May 1

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May 4

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May 8

Cemetery Committee will be cleaning headstones during May Monarch Week on May 8, 2013 beginning at 1 pm. Join with the Principal and Students from Didsbury High School to beautify our Cemetery and show respect to our past. Contact Frankie at 403-335-3633 for details.

May 10 - 11

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